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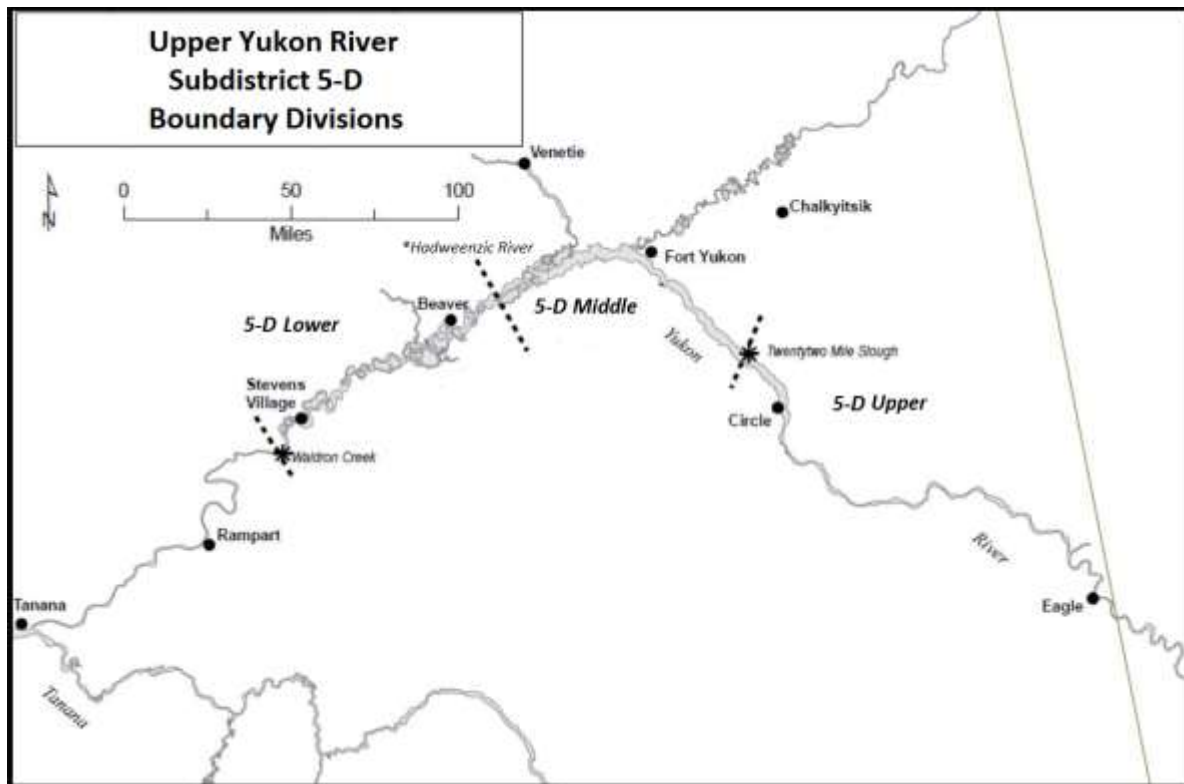
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2014 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #56 Summer Announcement #43, Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

Passage estimates have continued to decline over the past few days at Eagle sonar indicating that the Chinook salmon run is nearly complete in the uppermost portion of Subdistrict 5-D. The cumulative passage estimate for Chinook salmon at Eagle sonar through August 3 is approximately 62,000 fish. As a result of considerable conservation efforts in Alaska, the amount of Chinook salmon passed into Canada has surpassed the upper end of the Canadian escapement objective of 42,500 – 55,000, despite being below average in run size. As of August 3, the Chinook salmon run was approximately 95% complete at Eagle, which is located in Subdistrict 5-D Upper.

Therefore, the subsistence fishing restrictions are being discontinued in Subdistrict 5-D Upper as the end of the Chinook salmon run has passed through this area.



Subsistence Fishing Schedule:

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day with gillnets restricted to 6-inch or smaller mesh size and fish wheels must be equipped with a chute or a live box. Fish wheels must be closely attended while in operation and all Chinook salmon caught in fish wheels must be returned to the water alive.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, the requirement to release Chinook salmon alive from fish wheels and the 6-inch or smaller mesh size restriction are being discontinued in Subdistrict 5-D Upper.

Therefore subsistence fishing in all portions of Subdistrict 5-D will be open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day and fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subdistrict 5-D Lower (from an ADF&G regulatory marker 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day and fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzie River upstream to 22 Mile Slough and including the Porcupine River and all other adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Venetie, Fort Yukon, and Chalkyitsik):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently open 7 days a week, 24 hours per day and fishermen may use fish wheels or gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or smaller.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**. If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274.

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